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Thanks

.. To those people who have placed orders for dodopuzzles – still ONE more week to get your order in (please find an additional order form attached to the newsletter)

.. To those parents who supported our Scholastic Book Fair.

.. To those parents who helped out with this week's junior trips to the Whangarei Museum.

.. To our Science Fair support team .. your support has been much appreciated.

People of the Week

.. Our Science and Technology fair representatives ... more to follow.

.. Junior children, parents and teachers who attended this week's museum programme. The costumes were quite awesome ... also great feedback from the museum kids on your respectful and attentive behaviour.

.. Those kids who have worked so hard on the OBEDIENCE virtue over the past month or so. We will announce our shining stars in next week's newsletter. Next virtue is RESPONSIBILITY and so keep an eye out for this.

.. Liam received "Tackler of the Day" for Kamo White JB1.

.. Michelle for winning the Northland Champs for her gymnastics level, and being selected to represent Northland at the Nationals in October.

.. Ella and her team "Fantasy Rockers" won 1st place for their level in the Fantasy Island Cheerleading Competition.

WGHS Trip

A huge thanks to the Parents who attended this trip. They went above and beyond in helping us transport the children out to Smugglers, as well as the full on hike that we all had to do. This was a tremendously successful day, thank you! The Senior School.

MathEx

Next Friday we will be sending 6 teams of 4 children to MathEx, a maths problem solving competition for children from Year 5 to 8. Permission slips will be coming home in the next couple of days.

Maori Liaison Person

Maori families are reminded that Toni Pivac is the school's Maori Liaison Person. Should you wish to communicate with the school or Board on any matter Toni is more than happy to be contacted if she can be of assistance. Toni can be contacted on 4335116 or 0211737221.

Talent Showcase

.. coming up in the final week of term. Please encourage your child(ren) to enter auditions .. dance, singing, playing an instrument, telling jokes etc. And don't forget to pencil in the evening of 26.9 ... these evenings are loads of fun. Class auditions start next week and so please help by ensuring participants bring what they need to school. Any questions give Kevin a call.

Term Calendar

Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.

6 September - Mathex
10 September - Choir Festival
16 September - AIMS Games
25 September - Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi
26 September - Talent Showcase
27 September - Final day of term

Periods of Anticipated Absence

The Ministry of Education prefers that family holidays are taken during term breaks ... but we realise that this is not always possible. If you are planning a period of absence for your children during school term time, please email Kevin with a request for an *Exemption from School* stating the purpose and dates. We look sympathetically on most of these and you will usually get a response within two days.

Regional Science and Technology Fair

Congratulations to this year's Science and Technology Fair representatives. Feedback to the school has consistently emphasised the high standard of our exhibits and the solid demonstration of good scientific and technological processes. A special congratulations to the following children who won prizes at the fair ..

Elective Awards	
Judges Awards	Jared Caleb
Special Awards	
Presentation Award	Yr 7 - Oliver
Royal Forest & Bird Society Award	Winner - Oliver Highly Commended - Angus
Best Soil Research Award	Andrew
Safety Award	Jordan
Earth Science Award	Kate
Central Northland Research Award	Kate
Primary Industry Award	Brad
Class Awards	
Yr 7 Research Award	Oliver
Yr 8 Research Award	Highly Commended - Karmelle
Yr 7 Technology Award	Jordan
Major Awards	
Best Overall Research	Oliver

Congratulations, also to a former Matarau student, Shannon Clarke, who won the Yr 9 Investigation and Otago Excellence Award.

Out of Zone Applications

.. cannot be received after 4 September. Applicants for places will be advised of the outcome of their application by 16 September.

Home Garden Programme

Next week we will call for expressions of interest in the Home Garden Programme. Please talk to your children about their possible involvement this year. If you are especially keen for them to take part, or if you have any questions, please give Kevin a call on Monday.

Term Contributions and Activity Fees

If you opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees you will receive a payment request notice next week. Please forward payment at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

High School Enrolments

Correct placement at year 9 can be crucial to later success. Parents with questions relating to high school enrolments (any high school) are welcome to contact Mr D on sdelemare@matarau.school.nz. ... As part of the service we offer to our year 8's Mr D will remain interested and involved in this process right through to confirmation of placements. Our goal is always the best possible placement for each child.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 24th October 2013

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2013. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

If you would like your child to have a lamb to train & bring to calf club please contact the office as we may have a contact for someone who does this.



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



Please do not bring pregnant animals or newborns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 14th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.



There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz or Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.

This year the cakes will be for sale again, sausage sizzle and stalls with Christmas gifts for sale so remember to bring along cash and support these people as it also helps the school. If anyone would be interested in having a stall on the day please contact Cassandra on 4335968.



Attendance at After School Labs

Please advise the office on the morning in question (or leave a voice message) if your child will not be at either of the Monday or Thursday labs.

Choir

The Choir Festival will be held at Forum North on the evenings of 10th and 11th September. Information on ticket sales was sent home this week with choir children but, of course, all families are invited to attend. Tickets cost \$8 and can be purchased from Forum North or their website (under 2's free).

International schools Maths and English papers

Please return practice papers promptly so these can be made available to other students in future years ... still quite a few to come back.

Dodopuzzles

Currently 3 dinosaur models are available but additional and more complicated models will be available down the track. These make great Christmas and birthday presents and so you might like to stock up on a few. We are selling these at the very low price of \$10 per model .. selling for \$20 in the shops. From each sale the school receives \$3.50 which we will use to buy special things for our library. So .. no pressure ... but if you can, please support this fund-raising effort. These are truly good value and a purchase now entitles you to discounts on future purchases.

Please note that order forms are due back at school by 6 September. Models are available for viewing in classrooms and in the school office.

Finally ..

This week we should all feel particularly proud of what our Science and Technology Fair representatives have achieved at the Regional Fair. Our senior school has again achieved a result quite disproportionate to its size, and we continue to receive feedback on the high quality of the exhibits and of the clear application of scientific and technological process. Well done to children and to the parent support team but especially well done Mr D and Mrs Donaldson This level of success does not happen by accident. It happens when you have teachers who go the extra mile, who know that skills must be taught before they can become applied, who raise the bar, who know that mastery now means success later at secondary, who know that school can be fun but that it is also a place to push boundaries, to aim high and to persevere when things get a bit tough. . Your extraordinary efforts ... and late nights .. have been very much appreciated.

Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Calf Rearing Gear - second hand Calf rearing gear for sale - Suitable for small lifestyle block - Feeders (x4) -Meal Troughs (x2) - Calf Covers (x3) - \$200 Call 027 2812950 for more information

Orchid Flowers for Sale – Mini cymbidiums 12 Stems box \$20; 6 stems box \$12.
Phone Gary 435 2848.



Firewood for Sale – Totara, \$80 a metre (min 2 metres) delivered. This is fundraising for a hockey tournament for Northland U13 reps to travel to Rotorua. Please contact Brad Martin on 433 5061 or 0274810450

School Holiday Golf Northland Golf Club will be running several 'Introductory Golf Days' over the school holidays to give your child a taste of what Golf is all about! When - Primary Age - 1/10/13 and 03/10/13; Intermediates - 30/09/13 & 02/10/13; Time: 9am - 3:00pm; Cost: \$30 each; Contact Matt Davis 022 105 8750; or email - matthewdavis_1@hotmail.com

House for Rent - 3 bedroom, Pullin Rd Purua - Sun drenched - Quality rural home in great farming community. \$200/ week references and bond required. Phone Glen on 0272725494 for further details

Wanted – Second hand WBHS blazer (Number 1) wanted. Contact Shirley – on 021 1152 138 or 433 5513

School Fundraiser – RD1 Calf Rearing Best Practice

It was a successful Sausage Sizzle last Saturday. Many thanks to Mandy & Martin Brooker and their team: Janet Attwood, Jenny Wiegersma, Rachel Pidgeon, Rachel's mum and Mark Sanders.





JUNIOR SCHOOL VISIT TO THE MUSEUM



Senior School Survivor Day at Smugglers Cove

